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1. On 9 September 1954, the following Soviet naval vessels were observed in the Gulf of Finland: 25X1

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
9 September	T-301-type vessel,	Accompanied by five M-40-type vessels on a southerly course in position N 59-15, E 22-20.	25X1
9 September	SVERDLOV-Class cruiser [redacted] SKORYY-Class destroyer [redacted] Vessels and [redacted] (probably FUGAS- Class minesweepers)	When first sighted, formation was on a westerly course at a speed of 20 knots, in position N 59-12, E 22-15. The destroyer and the cruiser, which was dark gray with an unusual amount of rust, changed to a west-northwesterly course and went out of sight. The other five vessels continued on a westerly course at a speed of ten knots, later turning to a west-northwesterly course.	25X1

2. On 13 and 18 September, the following Soviet naval and merchant vessels were observed in the Gulf of Finland:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Remarks</u>	
13 September	KRONSTADT-Class sub- marine chasers [redacted]	Sighted about four nautical miles west of Leningrad lightship proceeding on a westerly course in line formation, at an estimated speed of 7 to 8 knots.	25X1

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13 September	SEVERDLOV-Class cruiser [redacted]	Sighted approximately two nautical miles west of Leningrad lightship; moored by the stern to a buoy. Wire ropes pressed closely to the ship's side were distributed over the hull at regular intervals. The ropes were not lowered from spars but were apparently fastened on deck. The wire ropes were at intervals of six to seven meters and appeared to hold a net stretched below the ship.	25X1
13 September	KRONSTADT-Class submarine chasers [redacted]	Sighted in line formation on a westerly course about two nautical miles west of Leningrad lightship.	25X1 25X1
13 September	Auxiliary supply vessel [redacted]	Sighted on a westerly course west of Leningrad lightship; 2,000 ton motor vessel with one funnel, two masts, superstructures, and derricks.	25X1
13 September	KRONSTADT-Class submarine chaser [redacted]	Sighted on a westerly course west of Leningrad lightship, at a speed of 8-10 knots.	25X1
13 September	Naval tug [redacted]	Sighted between Leningrad lightship and Kronshtadt; about 140 to 160 tons with black hull and gray superstructure.	25X1
13 September	GANGUT-Class battleship	Moored to a buoy off Kronshtadt near channel buoys 3 and 4.	
13 September	MUENBERG-Class cruiser [redacted]	Moored to a buoy off Kronshtadt near channel buoys 3 and 4.	25X1
13 September	KRONSTADT-Class submarine chaser [redacted]	Sighted between Kronshtadt and Leningrad, on westerly course at a speed of 15 knots.	25X1
18 September	Auxiliary supply vessel [redacted]	Sighted between Kronshtadt and Leningrad; 1,500 to 2,000 tons with a coat of gray paint, one funnel, and two masts with derricks. The vessel was on an easterly course.	25X1 25X1
18 September	MT boat [redacted]	Sighted between Leningrad and Kronshtadt cruising on the south side of the waterway; a hydroplane, 20 to 30 meters long, with a flat bridge almost amidships and a slightly inclined stem; a twin-barreled AA gun on the forecastle with barrels mounted one above the other and with protective shield; a similar AA gun on the afterdeck; a pear-shaped radar set mounted in front of the bridge; and torpedo tubes resting on latticed girders on the port and starboard sides, about two-thirds as long as the boat and pointing toward the bow.	
18 September	MUENBERG-Class [redacted]	Sighted close to Kronshtadt, Kosa.	25X1
18 September	GANGUT-Class battleship	Sighted close to Kronshtadt, Kosa.	

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18 September Vessel [ ] Sighted abeam of Kronshtadt 25X1  
outside the fairway; a major pinnacle with  
one mast antenna on top of the wheel-  
house; no armament; perches were laid  
out (sic)..

18 September SVERDLOV-Class cruiser [ ] Sighted two nautical miles west of  
Leningrad lightship; no longer moored 25X1  
to a buoy by the stern but riding at  
two anchors because of storm. The wire  
ropes were still braced over the ship's  
sides as on 13 September.

1. [ ] Comment: The ex-German cruiser NUERNBERG was renamed the 25X1  
ADMIRAL MAKAROV.

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